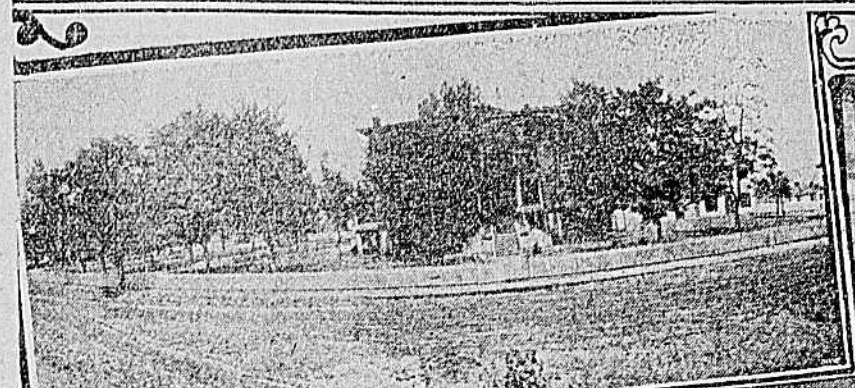
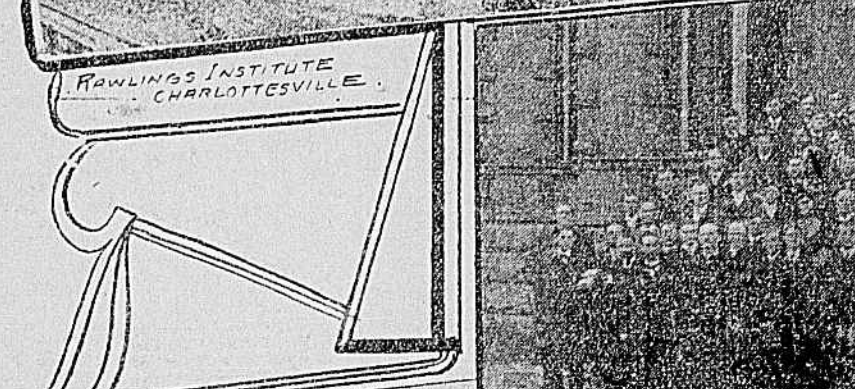
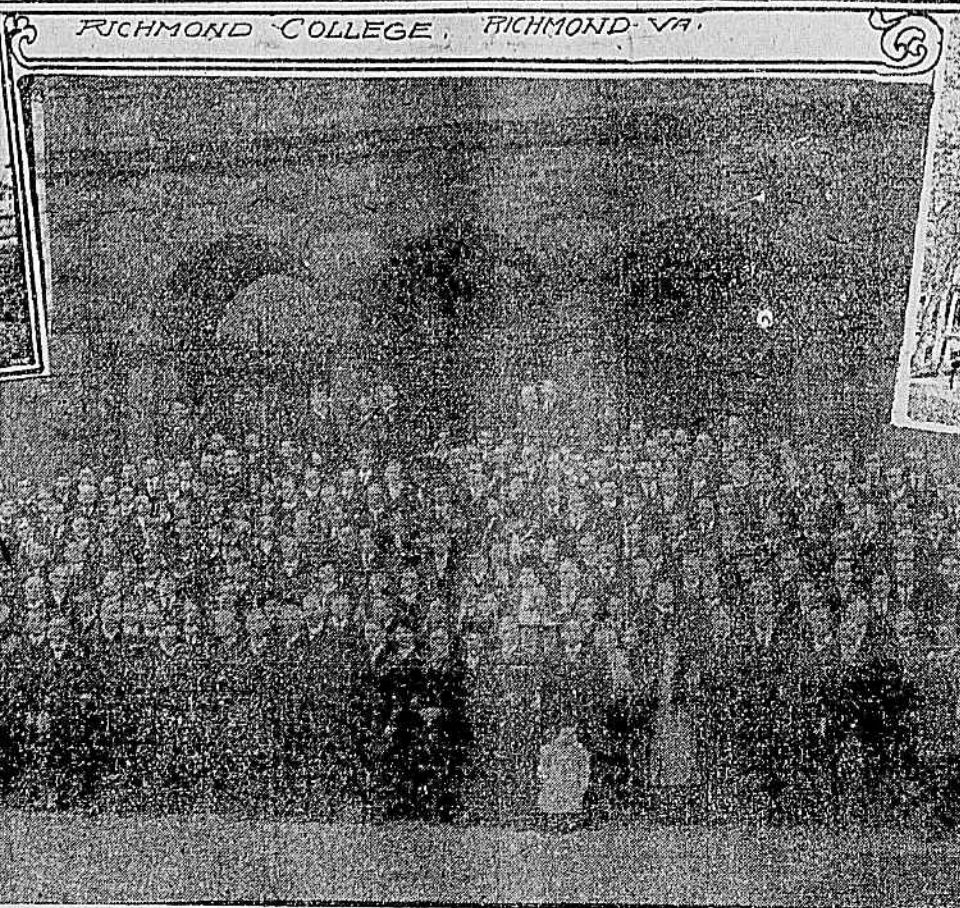


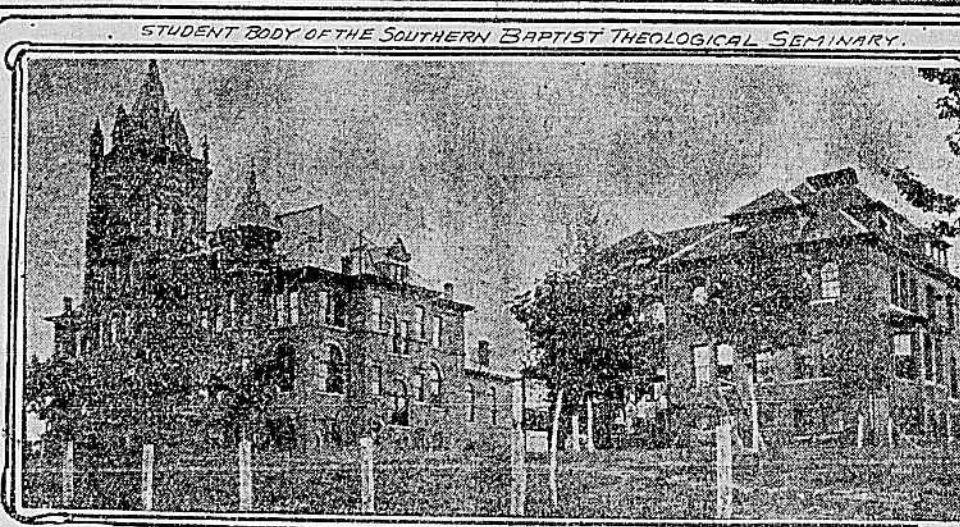
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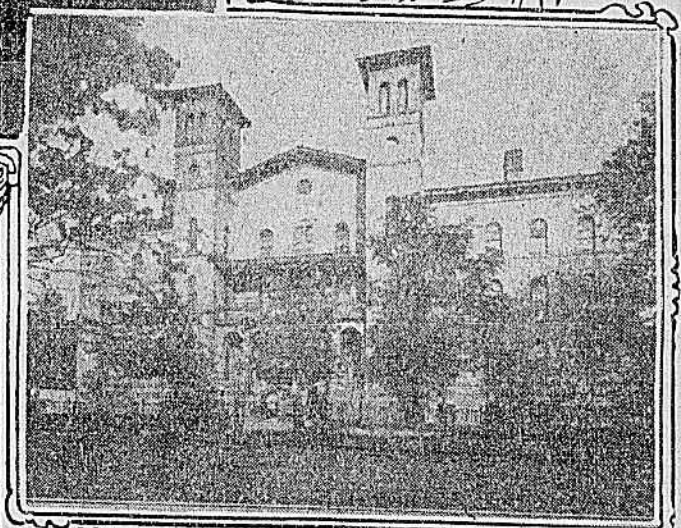
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## BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS HERE AND ELSEWHERE

What Denomination is Doing in Direction of Christian Education--Work of Schools in Virginia and the South.

BY PROF. S. C. MITCHELL, OF RICHMOND COLLEGE.

IN our democracy education is the duty of the State and the privilege of religious bodies. Whether education is carried on by the State or by a denomination, the aim is common, namely, fitness for citizenship, the advancement of truth, the deliverance from the bondage of ignorance and prejudice, and service to humanity. Once there was jealousy, existing between State and denominational colleges, but happily that time has passed, and it is now seen that the function of all schools is the same and that co-operation is the spirit in which they can do their best work. Perhaps the most significant thing in the recent educational history of Virginia is the fact that, under the auspices of the Co-operative Education Association, representative men from all the colleges, whether State or denominational, stand together upon one platform, speak the same message of light and love to the people, and combine their energies in the warfare against inefficiency and reaction. This union of educational agencies, animated by a common purpose to serve society, has evoked unwonted enthusiasm upon the part of the people, has set free latent energies, and has strung with power the arm of every worker for the common good. Never before was the truth of the maxim, "In union is strength," more clearly exemplified. The sense of solidarity among the schoolmen of Virginia is an asset of incomparable value.

Coincidentally with the triumph of democracy in this country, the Baptists began to devote themselves with resolution and foresight to the establishment of institutions of higher learning. The earliest existing foundation, I believe, is Brown University, which was begun in 1764 in Providence, Rhode Island. It is a happy circumstance that at the present conference of Baptist colleges being held in Richmond, the introductory address is to be delivered by Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, who is the president of Brown University.

This year marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of Richmond College. When the college was founded, in 1832, the city had a population of about 16,000 people. The first rails of the Baltimore and Ohio, the oldest road, had recently been laid.

Hoodon's marble form of Washington was probably the only statue that adorned our city. Virginia was primarily rural and agricultural. England, in 1832, was transforming itself by the great Reform Bill from an aristocracy into a democracy. "Old Hickory" in the White House at Washington, was the impersonation of the national spirit in American democracy. Foreign missions were beginning to take a hold in all the churches. The world was widening, and the aspirations of the human spirit were rising. With the expansion of our city since 1832, Richmond College has correspondingly grown in endowment, in the number of students and faculty, and in moral influence throughout the South. The city has thrown itself literally around the college, which has profited by the increase in wealth, population and cultural facilities, and which has been followed by the tragic experiences of the world's capital. It is gratifying that on this anniversary occasion Richmond College has more students than ever before in its history; that it is raising a half-million dollars to strengthen its work and to establish a central Woman's College; and that its moral reinforcement of all social causes grows more potent each day.

The Woman's College, of Richmond, has had signal success under the pres-

idency of Dr. James Nelson, who has attracted students from all portions of the South. He has demonstrated the fact that this city has rare advantages for the growth of a great institution for women. The Richmond Academy, of which Mr. W. L. Prince is headmaster, has become a real factor in education in our community.

**Other Institutions.** Numerous and influential are Baptist institutions in other portions of Virginia, such as Roanoke College for Women, at Danville; Rawlings Institute, at Charlottesville; the Virginia Institute, at Bristol, and Hollins, beautifully located in the incomparable Valley of Virginia. Many of these schools have recently become affiliated in the Baptist Education Commission, of which Dr. R. H. Pitt is the efficient president and Dr. B. Cabell the energetic secretary. This co-ordination of educational purposes promises very large results to the denomination as regards security, efficiency and economy. It is interesting to note that the necessity for similar correlation of educational interests has become apparent in several Southern States; and that wherever such a commission has been established, power has resulted. As an evidence of this, the Baptists of Kentucky, thus organized in education, have projected large plans for increasing the endowment of all their colleges. It is worthy of remark that the president of the two leading Baptist colleges in that State are Virginians—Dr. J. J. Taylor, of Georgetown College, and President William H. Harrison, of Bethel College, who is also the president of the Southern Association of Colleges, now in session in our city.

Wake Forest College, in North Carolina, grew steadily under the presidency of Dr. Charles E. Taylor, likewise a Virginian. Upon his retirement, President W. L. Poteat, one of the most vigorous personalities in Southern education, succeeded, and has thrown his vibrant energy into the constructive forces in the Old North State. Richmond will have the opportunity to hear this strong and sound thinker at the approaching commencement of Richmond College. It is a striking fact that his brother, Dr. Edwin L. Poteat, is the president of Furman University, in South Carolina, where he has shown wise leadership in directing social forces.

**Many to be Here.** Gathered in our city this week will be representatives from many other notable institutions of higher learning, such as Baylor University, Texas; Mercer University, Georgia; Carson

and Newman College, Tennessee; the Southwestern Baptist University, Tennessee; Mississippi College, Howard College, Alabama, of which another Virginian is president, A. P. Montague; the Baptist Female University, of North Carolina; William Jewell College, of Missouri; and many others.

Among the leading speakers at the general convention of American Baptists in Norfolk will be President E. Y. Mullins, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville. This institution has played a distinguished role in theological education in our country. Founded in Greenville, S. C., two years before the Civil War, manned at first by four remarkable teachers—Boyce, Broadus, Manly and Williams—experiencing in its struggles all the bitterness of the disasters after the war, the seminary has now the largest number of students of any institution of the kind in America. In the North the expansion of such institutions as Colgate University, Denison University, Crozier Seminary, and the University of Rochester, has answered the increase in wealth and the cultural demands of the denomination.

**National in Spirit.** The advent of the University of Chicago, which opened its doors in 1832, marked an epoch in the history of education. Projected by Mr. E. T. Gates, whose structural ideas have been far more potent in the development of American education than is generally known, nobly financed by Mr. John D. Rockefeller and others, and bulleted by the late President William H. Harper, whose genius for construction and enkindling enthusiasm in all good causes justly entitles him to be regarded as a Napoleon in education, the University of Chicago has run already a marvelous course, influencing profoundly the great Valley of the Mississippi from Lakes to Gulf.

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## WORK BEING DONE AT THE SEMINARY

Attendance Now Is Largest of Any Theological Seminary in the World.

BY REV. DR. E. Y. MULLINS, President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

THE Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was founded in the year 1855. It is the one institution for theological education conducted by Southern Baptists. The founder was James E. Boyce, who died at Louisville, Ky., in 1888. Dr. Boyce was a native of South Carolina, and delivered a great address, in which he spoke of needed changes in theological education, and this led later to the appointment of committees and the establishment of the institution which has grown to be the largest of its kind in the world. The first faculty of the institution consisted of James P. Boyce, John A. Broadus, Basil Manly and William Williams. The institution opened with a goodly attendance in 1855, but during the troublous times of the war had to close its doors, and for a long period after the war it seemed to be on the verge of ruin; but finally, by one magnificent gift of \$50,000 from Governor Joseph Emerson Brown, of Georgia, it was given new lease of life, and began a new career of usefulness and power. In 1877 it was removed to Louisville, Ky., and opened its doors for students. It has grown steadily in numbers and in influence since that time. It has had many distinguished men in its faculty. Among them, in addition to the four already named, were Rev. Crawford H. Toy, now of Harvard University; Rev. William H. Whitsett, D. D., now professor in Richmond College, Richmond, Va.; Rev. George W. Riggan, a native of Virginia, and Rev. Dr. P. H. Kerfoot, also a native of Virginia. Virginia, therefore, has had

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Heads of Number of Colleges Come Together For Conference--Dr. Mullins Describes Work Being Done at Seminary.

a large share in the making of the present seminary. Dr. John A. Broadus came to be one of the most famous of all the teachers in America, and, indeed, in the world, and Dr. Boyce is recognized everywhere as one of the greatest organizers in theological education.

**Noted Faculty.** The feature of the institution which has attracted most attention perhaps, is that its studies are all electives. It offers various degrees and certain courses of study are required for these degrees; but no student is compelled to take a degree or to apply for a degree upon entrance. As a matter of fact, about fifty men are graduated every year. This feature of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has been copied in other institutions, and there is a strong tendency now in this direction in all theological schools. The attendance of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is the largest of any theological school in the world of any denomination. During the session now drawing to a close there were in attendance 295 students. These men come from all parts of the United States and the world. There is hardly a foreign country that is not represented in the student body. The fame of the institution has gone to the ends of the earth, and men in training for the ministry are drawn to it from all quarters. Over a hundred graduates from this institution have gone to the foreign mission field, and its graduates occupy prominent positions in all parts of the United States. Many of them are pastors of leading churches in the North, South, East and West. Among these men may be named such pastors as Dr. W. W. Landrum, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. T. S. Potts, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. A. U. Boone, pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. George W. McDaniel, pastor First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; Dr. W. R. L. Smith, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; Dr. C. S. Gardner, pastor of Grace Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Ryland Knight, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Carter Helm Jones, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. W. A. Hamlett, pastor of Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. John H. Straton, late pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. A. C. Dixon, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper, pastor of Madison Ave.

lue Baptist Church, New York City; Drs. W. L. Pickard, of Savannah, and J. W. Millard, of Atlanta, Ga., and a host of other pastors of equal prominence who cannot be named here. There are also many alumni of the seminary who have become editors and leaders. Among the editors may be named Dr. T. P. Bell, editor of The Christian Index, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. A. J. S. Thomas, editor of the Baptist Courier, Greenville, S. C.; Dr. E. E. Folk, editor of the Baptist and Recorder, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. J. N. Prestidge, editor of the Baptist Argus, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. J. Willis Barnett, editor of The Alabama Baptist; Dr. J. Frank Norris, president and proprietor of The Baptist Standard, Dallas, Texas; Rev. H. E. Tralle, one of the editors of The Central Baptist, St. Louis, Mo., and a number of others. Dr. R. J. Willingham, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and Dr. B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., are both alumni of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Their associates in the work, Rev. W. H. Smith, D. D., and Rev. T. B. Ray, D. D., of the Home Mission Board, are alumni of the institution, as also Dr. W. W. Hamilton, associated with Dr. Gray in the Home Mission Board.

The institution has four great buildings in Louisville, Ky. Norton Hall, the chief building, is devoted to lecture-room purposes, and was given by Messrs. William F. and George W. Norton, of Louisville, Ky., at a cost of \$60,000. The library building, costing \$50,000, was donated by Mrs. J. Lawrence Smith, of Louisville, Ky. The gymnasium was given at a cost of \$10,000 by Hon. Joshua L. Overton, of Baltimore, Md. The dormitory building, capable of accommodating over 500 students, known as New York Hall, was given by gentlemen in New York City. These buildings are all admirably adapted to their purposes and are located in the very heart of the city of Louisville, Ky.

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